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Hopefully we can refer folks to our website soon.

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From: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
To: LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Date: 03/22/2012 02:53 PM
Subject: Honesty about hydrofracking in dimrock & passing the buck. . .notes and contact info.

Dear Ms. Lisa Jackson,

I'm writing to you this afternoon because I am utterly disgusted with

--- the inability of the US EPA to protect our drinking water and human health by not immediately halting the expansion of horizontal hydrofracking in the US until the public and unbiased international scientists associated neither with the US government nor industry, have data on the existing wells;

--- the EPA's unwillingness to release vital information to the public related to the "safe" water quality in Dimrock, PA;

--- but most importantly I am shocked by the fact that our top regulatory body, the EPA Administrator's Office, for clean air, clean water, and clean environment is passing the buck.

You, Ms. Jackson, have the same need to drink water that I do, and that the denizens of Dimrock, PA do. You are the head of the agency and you set the policy for your agency. How can you pass the buck and allow your administration to say that the obviously unsafe Dimrock, PA drinking water meets EPA safe drinking-water standards?! (ASIDE: If indeed that Dimrock, PA water does meet EPA safe drinking-water standards then there is an even bigger problem which you also need to address immediately and publicly.)

The EPA is our last resort. You, as our top EPA official, are not fulfilling your responsibility to the American People. As a Cabinet member, it is your responsibility to talk to the President and explain the potential damage in DEEP TIME of horizontal fracturing to our fragile water supply and environment. He relies upon you just as we do. You have it to do. If you are not educated enough or not up to the job or are unwilling to take personal responsibility and justify your trust, you need to step down. I, my family, even YOU & your family, deserve an EPA Administrator not afraid to face reality and fulfill her responsibility to "protect the environment and human health."

I am a citizen of the United States. Our constitution guarantees every citizen the unalienable rights to

life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The problem comes in when some greedy, short-sighted people think that their rights somehow are more important than those of others (Halliburton Loophole, Trade Secrets, uneducated congress & President), or than others to come who in the future will have to deal with the consequences of their greed and short-sightedness. It is the job of your administration to protect citizens of the US from environmental toxins. (ASIDE: If your administration's law-enforcing ability has been so gutted by congress that you are useless to protect the environment & human health, then again, you need to address this immediately and publicly too)

Horizontal hydrofracking evidence has been piling up in terms of water-contamination and even potential to cause earthquakes. The Executive office and the EPA MUST override "trade secrets" so that open, unbiased, public research can be done by those not employed or funded by the oil/gas industry or those silent government employees who've had their tongues ripped out. Water is necessary for survival. Without water we will die. Even if you have to find a "whistleblower" within your organization willing to "take the heat" you have a responsibility to do so because of your oath of office is larger than you or any one person. Please take personal responsibility or give the job to someone who will. Stage an EPA walkout in protest. DO SOMETHING to help us! Please.

---Please please please stand up and do the right thing and, in the name of public health, publicly release the chemical composition of chemicals used in horizontal fracturing.

---Please mandate a halt to horizontal hydrofracking in any new locations, as well as halt any expansion of current operations, until 20 years of research on existing wells, their impact on geology, earthquake-frequency, local water supplies, plants, and animals (including humans) has been completed by unbiased researchers not just in the US, but on international teams not funded by industry.

--Please DO NOT pass the buck or think that someone else (Region 3) should take responsibility. Please take immediate action yourself. You are the HEAD of the entire agency!

A Russian woman with whom I worked in the back-office of a bookstore once told me "When the fish stinks, it stinks from the head." You are the head. President Obama put you in charge. Please do your job and protect the environment and human health.

Every one of us needs clean air and clean water and a non-toxic environment in which to live. Without those basic necessities we die. Please do your job and protect our water. The people of Dimrock need you right now. If, due to your inaction, you find the people of NYC at your doorstep, you will know that this happened because of you and your inaction. You have accepted a position of huge responsibility. The fact that your office will not even take messages shows that you are unfit to lead. I hope you'll step down now that you know what you are. Where I come from, we call it "chicken."

Sincerely,

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Ps. On March 22 I tried to call and leave a message that the EPA should publicly publish the Dimrock, PA water results which they claim document "safe drinking water."

I can not believe that FOUR levels of administrators at the EPA passed the buck. Our EPA Administrator should have the guts to take these calls. It reflects horribly that Lisa Jackson is unwilling to accept personal responsibility for the policies of HER OWN DEPARTMENT. We need President Obama to nominate someone willing to face tough situations and accept responsibility.

Below are my notes on the tortuous path to Region 3 Administrators directly accountable for Dimrock,

PA.

I first called:

EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson at 202-564-4700

The man who answered would not take a message. He said that the call was being recorded and that someone would listen to it. But he would not write any comment down. Ms. Jackson's office Referred me to:

I SECOND CALLED:

Office of Water: 202 564 5700

The employee here would not give name and would not take complaint.

Transferred me.

Said it was "Under the office of water which is handling this issue."

OFFICE OF WATER

"The Office of Water (OW) ensures drinking water is safe, and restores and maintains oceans, watersheds, and their aquatic ecosystems to protect human health, support economic and recreational activities, and provide healthy habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife.

OW is responsible for implementing the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, and portions of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Ocean Dumping Ban Act, Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, Shore Protection Act, Marine Plastics Pollution Research and Control Act, London Dumping Convention, the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and several other statutes"

I THIRD CALLED

Referred to

Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

202 564 3750

but was told that "Ann Codrington handles hydrofracking" "and has been to many meetings"

"Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) What We Do OGWDW, together with states, tribes, and our many partners, protects public health by ensuring safe drinking water and protecting ground water. We oversee implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. We

- develop and help implement national drinking water standards;
- oversee and assist funding of state drinking water programs and source water protection programs;
- help small drinking water systems;
- protect underground sources of drinking water through the Underground Injection Control Program; and
- provide information about drinking water quality to the public."

I FOURTH CALLED

Referred to

Ann Codrington,

Division Director for the Drinking Water Protection Division

202 564 4688

Ann said "It is NOT MY DIVISION"

Ann said "Region 3 is that region. . . Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA."

Ann referred me to 2 People and said that "All water is under one office. They have the authority to address. . ."

Linda Boornazian

or

Jon Capacasa

Ann said that the problem the EPA has is that "Authority is not given by congress..."

Ann said that "The region has the lead.

- Drinking Water Protection Division

Ann Codrington, Director

oPhone: 202-564-3751

oEmail: codrington.ann@epa.gov

I FIFTH CALLED

Referred to

EPA Region 3 Water Protection Division

<http://www.epa.gov/region03/esc/qa/figures/figure1.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region3.html>

LEFT MESSAGE ON GENERAL ANSWERING MACHINE OF THE

Water Protection Division

215-814-5000 or 800-438-2474 in the Region 3 states

Water Protection Division

Left message for: **Jon Capacasa, Director (215) 814 5422** [capacasa.jon@epamail.epa](mailto:capacasa.jon@epamail.epa.gov)

I Left a message for: Linda Boornazian, Deputy (215) 814 5423 boornazian.linda@epa.gov

I did not leave a message for Catherine.

Catherine Libertz, Acting Deputy (215) x2737

Director: Jon M. Capacasa

- Contact the division

"What We Do: WPD manages and implements programs under the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect, preserve, and enhance water resources, and works closely with states and local communities to protect drinking water sources and to ensure that estuaries, rivers, streams, and lakes are healthy, vital resources for communities. They accomplish this through monitoring and the use of water quality standards, pollution load allocations to streams, permits for stream discharges, public health standards and required testing for drinking water safety, and by providing financial and technical assistance to states and localities.

When violations of the laws governing water resources occur, the division ensures that the laws are enforced, either directly or in partnership with states. WPD also encourages citizen involvement in developing and carrying out major estuary, local watershed and drinking water protection plans."

<https://law.lclark.edu/live/files/10606-41410tojcimorganpdf>

<http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/571275/A-State-s-Job--Roll-up-the-EPA-welcome-mat.html?nav=5003>

"During the U.S. Senate hearing, Jon Capacasa, director of the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 3 Water Protection Division, said it is unlikely his agency would become involved in regulating the gas industry in West Virginia. Capacasa explained federal law exempts most drilling operations from EPA oversight."

"In West Virginia, Governor Earl Ray Tomblin signed the West Virginia Natural Gas Horizontal Well Control Act. A special legislative committee recently proposed a bill that environmentalists described as weaker than previous versions. However, it was still strong enough for EPA's Jon Capacasa to declare it a "great step forward"; he suggested the proposed rules would place West Virginia "out in front" of other states, especially Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, the final version of the Act reflects work of industry-friendly Governor Tomblin, and is described as far weaker than the special committee proposal."

